The Field Museum

Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
February 4, 2000

THANKS TO ALL FOR BRACHIOSAURUS PROJECT

As most of you know, in order to make room for SUE, the Museum has moved our Brachiosaurus from Stanley Field Hall to concourse B in the United Airlines terminal at O'Hare International Airport.

This marks the start of an exciting new partnership between the Museum and United as well as allowing us to work closely with one of the City's most vital agencies, the Department of Aviation. This project also involved the installation of a retail kiosk that now sells Museum merchandise, most of it dinosaur related, and in its short life has already proved a successful venture.

Many people throughout the Museum worked hard to make this project the great success that it is and I want to extend my gratitude to all of them for their efforts on the Museum's behalf. I hope too that you will now understand what your colleagues who wandered the halls mysteriously muttering "brachio, brachio" were doing and will also thank them for this work in which they were so diligently engaged.

Thanks and kudos to:

Miriam Alleyne • Sandy Astor • Cheryl Bardoe • Lori Breslauer
Jean Cattell • Jim Croft • Rayfield Drake • Rich Faron
Chris Fiene • John Flynn • Anne Haskel • Jennifer Kerr
Jim Koeppl • Pat Kremer • Julie Lockhart • Jill Mandler
Becky Margolin • Allyson Mayer • Nancy O'Shea
Laura Sadler • Sophia Shaw

If I have inadvertently left anyone off the list, my apologies and thanks to you too.

John McCarter

FIELD NOTES

Week of February 7

Staff/Volunteer Events

Tae Bo Class
- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor East

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m., Special Events

Public Events/Campus Events

African Heritage Festival continues
- Monday and Tuesday

Cultural Connections
Program at Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center
- Friday, 5:30 p.m.

Music Theatre Workshop:
"Gongs, Ghosts & Ancient Anthems"
- Saturday & Sunday, 2 p.m.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Anthropologists wrap up Chinese fieldwork

Assistant curator **Anne Underhill**, department chair **Gary Feinman**, and adjunct curator **Linda Nicholas** completed their fifth season of collaborative Sino-American fieldwork with four professors from Shandong University this past fall and winter.

The project is investigating the emergence of Chinese civilization in eastern Shandong Province and is focused on the Late Neolithic center of Liangchengzhen and its hinterland. The project, which involves both excavations at the core site as well as systematic regional survey, is one of only three collaborative Sino-American archaeological excavation projects currently in progress.

Have you seen this film?

Missing: Priority Mail Parcel containing 55 rolls of slide film. If this was misdelivered to you, please return to **Gretchen Baker** (ext. 7441) or **Margaret Metz** (ext. 7449) in Environmental and Conservation Programs. We'll put on a fantastic noon balloon slide slow of our expedition to Ecuador if our film is found!

Submitted by **Gretchen Baker**

Tsavo lions to be subject of new Patterson book

Bruce Patterson (Mammals) has just signed a contract with McGraw-Hill's Science Division to write a book on Tsavo's lions.

To be called *Of Manes and Man-eaters* (though the title will probably be changed by the press before publication), the book will cover all three of the Museum's infamous lions and will detail for the first time the history of Wayne Hosek's Mfuwe lion, the one featured in the display on the ground floor. The book will be a showcase for recent research in ecology, morphology, and genetics by Bruce and his associates, including Roland Kays (now curator of mammals at the New York State Museum), **Tom Gnoske** (Birds), and Jean Dubach (Brookfield Zoo).

The book manuscript is due in 18 months. Anthropology curator **Chap Kusimba** has agreed to write an introductory chapter, setting the book's context.

PROTECTION SERVICES

Locked out? Need an ID? Here's who to call now...

Marcia Pyle of the Protection Services department retired from the Field Museum on Friday, January 14, 2000 after seventeen years of employment. Although Marcia has agreed to continue working with us on a limited basis, her responsibilities have been assumed by other staff. Please forward all key, lock, and I.D. requests to the Access Control Officers, **Karlyn Morris** and **Sheila Spencer**. You may use e-mail or call ext. 7982. Thank you!

Submitted by **Miriam Alleyne**

Color coded for your convenience

This is a reminder regarding the recycling bins. The light green bins are for paper materials only, and the dark green bins are for all other recyclable items. Thank you.

Submitted by **Miriam Alleyne**

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION CEREMONY
November 18, 1999

On Thursday, November 18, 1999, The Field Museum honored the dedication of its staff members at our annual recognition ceremony for long service employees and retirees; it is through the dedicated efforts and hard work of our staff that the Museum has accomplished so much. John McCarter, President, hosted the ceremony which was held in Rice Hall and attended by over 100 staff members and guests of the honorees. As usual, Lionel Dunn from Security Services and Janet Young from Development provided impressive musical entertainment for the reception. The following staff members were honored:

RETIREE

Beverly Gilliam, Visitor Services

25 YEARS SERVICE

Howard Langford, Visitor Services
Christine Niezgoda, Botany
Daniel Summers, Zoology
Harold Voris, Zoology

20 YEARS SERVICE

Arnold Barnes, Security
Thomas Geary, Finance
William Simpson, Geology
Elsie Willoughby Williams, Stores

15 YEARS SERVICE

Jim Croft, Finance
Josie Compton, Security
Cynthia Gulley, Membership
Mary Anne Rodgers, Zoology
Kevin Swagel, Zoology

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Paul Baker, Development
Darlene Dowdy, Botany
Rayfield Drake, Computer Services
Judyth Espinal, Housekeeping
Jonathan Haas, Anthropology
Ventura Hinojosa, Housekeeping

10 YEARS OF SERVICE (Continued)

Byron Jackson, Security
Robert Masek, Geology
Edward Mikan, Security Imelda Saucedo, Housekeeping
William Stanley, Zoology
Betty Strack, Sem Lab
Madelyn Thompson, Development
John Weinstein, Photography

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Gerard Kernizan, Housekeeping - Retiree
Irma Sanchez, Visitor Services - Retiree
Robert Cantu, Education - 25 years
Steven Grissom, Security - 25 years
Michael Shouba, FP&O - 25 years
Marlene Donnelly, Geology - 20 years
Jessica Newman, Exhibits - 20 years
Clifford Augustus, Security - 15 years
Scott Lidgard, Geology - 15 years
Thomas Gnoske, Zoology - 10 years
Steven Goodman, Academic Affairs - 10 years
Nancy Hensold, Botany - 10 years
Carol Konieczny, Special Events - 10 years
Gwendolyn Washington, Museum Stores - 10 years

Thank you to Mark Widhalm for all the photographs.

Group photo neg # GN 89509.14c
Beverly Gilliam neg# GN 89509.22C

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1/31/00		1	2	3 Discover Card-SFH 6pm-12am MdeNardo-Living Together/Sds fr Vlt 9am-1:30pm JFrazier-Rice 4pm-7pm 100 SStott-Rice 7:30pm-12am BAdams-JST 5:30pm-9:30pm U of C-Sds fr Vault 4pm-6pm	4. Golden Apple Overnight-Whole Museum 5:00pm-1:00am	5 SStott-African Fest-Whole Museum 11am-4pm
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BEVERLY GILLIAM - HONORED RETIREE

Beverly Gilliam first became a Field Museum team member on November 1, 1993 in the Security department. 17 months later Beverly became a valued team member of the Visitor Services department where she continued to work until her retirement. Beverly did not limit her performance standards to only the departments she worked for, but was a loyal and dedicated employee for the Museum. She was a great support to the Public Relations and Membership departments. During the opening of "Bats and Spiders", Beverly sold more floor memberships than anyone has ever sold. Bev not only did her job with exceptional pride, but she went above and beyond the call of duty to service our visitors. One story highlights this. One day Beverly received a call from a woman whose father had passed away. The woman knew the rest of the family would be in Chicago for the weekend and that they had planned on visiting The Field Museum. Not knowing if the family was even at the Museum, Bev took a description of the family and offered to look for the family herself. Later that afternoon, she located the family and contacted the woman who called. It was performance like this that made Beverly stand out as a model employee. Beverly retired May 5, 1999 after over 5 years of dedicated service to the Museum. We wish her happiness in the years ahead.

What?

A free trolley from downtown Chicago to the beautiful Garfield Park Conservatory.

When?

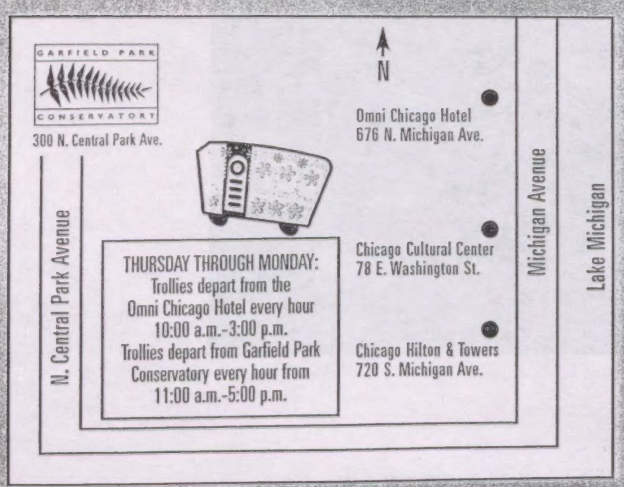
Thursday through Monday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Holiday Hours: Nov. 26,-Jan. 9, 2000
10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Where?

Downtown stops include:
Omni Chicago Hotel
Chicago Cultural Center Chicago Hilton & Towers

Why?

To help get YOU out to see the largest, lushest, most wonderful garden under glass in the country.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CONSERVATORY
300 N. Central Park Ave.
N
Omni Chicago Hotel
676 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago Cultural Center
78 E. Washington St.
Chicago Hilton & Towers
720 S. Michigan Ave.
N. Central Park Avenue
Michigan Avenue
Lake Michigan
THURSDAY THROUGH MONDAY:
Trollies depart from the Omni Chicago Hotel every hour 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Trollies depart from Garfield Park Conservatory every hour from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Annual Flower Shows

Celebration in Lights • November 26, '99-January 9, 2000
Azalea/Camellia Flower Show • February 5-March 5
The Pink Flamingo Flower Show • April 8-May 14
Tropicalismo! • June 10-September 3
Chrysanthemum Flower Show • September 30-November 5

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Take the Trolley to Garfield Park Conservatory

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
COME OUT AND PLAY

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Let me stand next to your fire ...

The Chicago Fire soccer team is scheduled to play at Soldier Field on the following dates:

April 15	7:00 p.m.
April 28	7:30 p.m.
May 3	7:30 p.m.
May 13	7:00 p.m.
May 20	7:00 p.m.
May 24	7:30 p.m.
June 4	2:00 p.m.
June 17	7:00 p.m.
July 1	7:00 p.m.
July 8	7:00 p.m.
July 15	7:00 p.m.
August 6	3:00 p.m.
August 12	7:00 p.m.
August 19	1:30 p.m.
August 30	7:30 p.m.
September 2	7:00 p.m.

Need a stack of Explorer's Guides?

It's time to update and reprint the *Field Museum Explorer's Guide* which is sold at the store and admission desks. This book highlights 60 objects from our exhibition halls and gives readers a sense of the Museum's diversity and the significance of our collections.

As in the past, departments will be able to purchase copies of this guide for internal use. To know how many books to order, we need to know what this internal demand will be. If you or your department would like to buy more than 50 copies of the book for use in 2000, please let me know how many you would like. When determining how many your department will want, estimate $3 per book; the exact costs and numbers are still being worked out.

Please e-mail the information to me at cbardoe@fmnh.org by Friday, February 11, 2000. Thanks for your help with this.

Submitted by **Cheryl Bardoe**

TAX INFORMATION

The 1999 1040 and IL-1040 tax forms are now available in the mail room.
For additional Federal and State forms, visit the IRS web site listed below.
http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/forms_pubs/

Submitted by Human Resources

THE FIELD ASSOCIATES PROUDLY PRESENT

Hidden in the Hall
Masquerade Ball

All staff and volunteers invited at a discounted ticket price!

This year, The Field Associates annual winter fundraiser is inspired by The Field Museum's upcoming temporary exhibit, *Masks: Faces of Culture.*

We hope you will join us! Come dance to *The Stu Hirsh Orchestra.* Enjoy the traveling antics of *Lookingglass Theatre Company* and *Encroachment.* Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Black-tie and mask required (back-up masks will be available at the door). Unmasking at midnight!

Date:	Friday, February 11, 2000 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Place:	Stanley Field Hall
Tickets:	$55 - Special Staff/Volunteer Ticket Price $100 - Two tickets **Tickets are limited to one staff plus one guest.*

Staff and volunteer participation is welcome but you must purchase a ticket to attend Hidden in the Hall. This event is designed to raise money for the Museum and to that end we must cover our costs so that we can make a contribution to the Museum's Parental Involvement Project (PIP). No party crashing allowed!!!!

Please call the event hotline at ext. 7227 or stop by the Women's Board office to reserve your tickets before Wednesday, February 9.

Submitted by **Amanda Geppert**